



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
SATO et al. ) Art Unit 2823  
Application Number: 10/622,651 )  
Examiner  
Coleman, William D.  
Filed: July 21, 2003 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR NANOPARTICLES, METHOD FOR )  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FLUORESCENCE )  
REAGENT COMPRISING SEMICONDUCTOR )  
NANOPARTICLES )  
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0117 )  
  
**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated December 10, 2004, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on June 10, 2005, with a three-month extension fee filed herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows: